WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A set of executable instructions operable to generically render a table for output processing, comprising the steps of:

5   receiving a table having one or more cells wherein each cell spans one or more columns and one or more rows;

representing the table as a geometric grid wherein one or more positions within the grid house one or more of the cells; and

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providing a generic table represented by one or more formatting commands operable to provide a rendering of the grid to one or more output media.

2. The instructions of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

parsing a dimension associated with each cell from the table and associating the dimension with each cell in the grid.

3. The instructions of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

processing the formatting commands to output a rendition of the table on a paged medium.

4. The instructions on claim 1, wherein the table is received in extensible style sheets language.

5. The instructions of claim 1, wherein the grid is a rectangle.

6. The instructions of claim 5, wherein the rectangle is represented as a two dimensional array.

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(7.) The instructions of claim 1, wherein the formatting commands include one or more relative positions of each cell to one another. (8.) A set of executable instructions operable to produce formatting commands to render a table, comprising the steps of:

5   decoupling one or more cells from a table;

storing the cells in a matrix;

expressing a dimension associated with each cell in terms of each
10   cell's relative position to each other within the matrix; and

outputting one or more formatting commands operable to produce a rendition of the table on a output media from the matrix.

(9.) The instructions of claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

executing the formatting commands wherein every cell occupying a single row is rendered to the output media independent of each other.

(10.) The instructions of claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

processing the formatting commands vertically on the output media beginning with a first row and continuing to a last row.

(1.) The instructions of claim 8, wherein the cells are decoupled from the table by parsing the table represented by a first format.

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12. The instructions of claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

adjusting the dimensions of each cell based on an output media dimension.

13. The instructions of claim 8, wherein the output media dimension is configurable.

14. The instructions of claim 8, further comprising:

executing the formatting commands in parallel to produce the rendition of the table on the output media. 15. A set of executable instructions operable to produce a rendition of a table, comprising the steps of:

5   representing one or more cells of a table with one or more executable commands wherein each command has one or more parameters defining an outputted cell's dimensions on an output media; and

executing the commands in parallel to produce a rendition of the table

10   on the output media.

16. The instructions of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

reformatting the cells of the table to define a dimension of each cell by a relative position of each cell to one another.

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17. The instructions of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

parsing the cells from the table wherein the table is represented by a first format.

18. The instructions of claim 17, wherein the first format is extensible style sheets language.

19. The instructions of claim 15, wherein the output media is a printed page.

20. The instructions of claim 15, the table and the rendition of the table have different dimensions.

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